

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as not being supported, and allowed claims 13, 15, 16, and 18. Only allowed claims 13, 15, 16, and 18 remain in the application.

Applicants have canceled all unallowed claims to expedite prosecution.

The Office Action contains numerous statements characterizing the claims and the Specification. Regardless of whether such statements are addressed by Applicant, Applicant refuses to subscribe to any of these statements, unless expressly indicated by Applicant.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

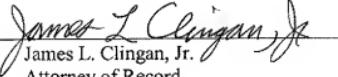
Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully solicited. Please contact the below-signed if there are any issues regarding this communication or otherwise concerning the current application.

Respectfully submitted,

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